



Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2015
Time: 10 am – 12 pm
Location: 800 Bay Rd. Dover DE 19903
Fenwick Conference Room (located on 2nd floor)

In attendance:

Javier G. Torrijos
Ronaldo Tello
Jose Irizarry
Claudia Pena Porretti
Rosa Colon-Kolacko
Tanisha Merced
Sonia Aguilar
Maria Matos
Charito Calvachi-Mateyko
Lourdes Puig via teleconference
Scott Vien

Absent:

Mabel Hernandez-Saienni
Matthew Heckles
Sandra Spangler

Public Attendance:

Carlos Cotto
Holly Maddams
Tamara Stock

I. Opening:

A motion was made to approve the February 23m 2015 meeting minutes. They were approved unanimously.

II. Treasures Report on Expenditures:

- a. Budget Report: No report was available
- b. Outstanding Invoices:

- Rosita Colon Kolacko -\$264.19 Maracas for Latino Summit
- Deborah Torrijos - \$233.22 Latino Summit Banner and Postcards.

III. Old Business

- a. Members approved (Maria Matos abstained from voting) the following media publications for 2015:
- Tiempo Hispano – six articles at \$120.00 each for a net total of \$720.00.
 - Hoy en Delaware – six articles at \$85.00 each for a net total of \$510.00.
 - The articles for each paper will cover important issues i.e. Driving Privilege Card, Delaware Hispanic Public Policy Agenda, community conversations, and DHC subcommittee information.
 - Charito will be responsible to get the publications to the newspapers and make sure that the proper timetable for each newspaper is communicated to the DHC members.
- b. The Delaware Hispanic Public Policy Agenda draft is completed. The members were given two weeks from today to provide final comments.

IV. New Business:

Summary of Subcommittees reports- Long term and short term goals:

- a. Community and Social Justice:
- 2015 will be the fourth year celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - This year's event will be held at the Milton Library on Sept. 26, 2015.
 - The Friends of the Milton library are very excited to help host the event and want to reach out to the community.
 - The Arsht Cannon Foundation has agreed to split the cost of \$4,945.00 with the DHC.
 - Great opportunity to educate people about the Hispanic Public Policy Agenda.
 - Costs will cover food, advertisement, entertainment.
 - The DHC members approved to cover the other 50% of the costs not covered by the Arsht Cannon Foundation. The net total cost to be paid by DHC is \$2,472.50.
 - Maria Matos agreed to have DHC present at LACC's Sept. 4, 2015 event. The goal is to provide DHC exposure as well as educate the Hispanic Community on the Hispanic Public Policy Agenda.
- b. Economic Development:
- First State Community Loan will be administering the Hispanic Business workshops.
 - They are looking for a fulltime bilingual business coordinator.
 - Sonia will send the job description to DHC members.
 - Sonia will monitor the First State Community Loan to make sure they maintain the goals for the Hispanic community.
 - Sonia reminded the subcommittee chairs to use the Public Calendar for their meetings.
- c. Education:
- The subcommittee will meet on April 28, 2015.

- They will draft a support letter to the Governor for the WEAC report and send to DHC members for review.
- It was recommended that the subcommittee work with Latino Unidos from the United Way of Delaware who have similar concerns regarding education.
- There is a need to sponsor internship programs for students to explore careers.
- The DHC members unanimously approved two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for the top two winners of the LACC's outstanding student award for 2015.

d. Health & Social Services:

- Rosita recommended a study be made regarding the need for language services in order to help move legislation. Where can Hispanic go for Health Care service professionals?
- We need to leverage our resources such as 211 and other resources Statewide. All sectors need to be reviewed. We need to start the study with the Department of Labor. We need to start asking the Governor for support and ask the Cabinet Secretaries to comply.
- There is a need to grow our own professionals.
- Sonia indicated that DEDO provides training if you qualify for up to \$100K. They must be your employees who need training.
- The cost of the study will cost \$30,000 to hire a consultant to study the language needs in all the various sectors. Rosita will touch base with each of the subcommittee chairs to get their input.
- The DHC members unanimously approved the study for \$30,000.
- Video Equipment for the DHC will be purchased as long as there is no other equipment of this type from other state agencies that DHC can use. Ronaldo will touch base with Kevin Kelley and the Public Relations Office.
- The DHC members approved (Sonia Aguilar abstained from voting) the purchase of Video Equipment for up to \$7,000.00 to be used only for DHC purposes and as long as there are no other equipment of this type from other State agencies for DHC use. The equipment will be managed by Ronaldo Tello. He will provide a volunteer to help with editing the video.

- Claudia, Rosita, and Lourdes will be honored by Girls Inc. for the Strong, Bold, and Smart Award on May 15, 2015 at the DuPont Country Club.
- Girls Inc. is looking for a full time bilingual person to develop relationships within Hispanic community.
- The DHC unanimously approved to sponsor three girls for Girls Inc. at \$1,000 each for a total of \$3,000.00. The sponsor will go to help young girls through the Girls Inc. program. The sponsorship will provide 10 seats at the May 15, 2015 event.

e. Housing – no report

f. Transportation:

- Driving Privilege card Bill will be introduced to the Legislators in May or June.
- It will require the card to be unique. Different from a driver's license.
- It cannot be used for identification purposes.
- Javier will schedule a meeting and teleconference this coming Thursday at 5pm at the Farmington/Felton Room at DelDOT's administration building in Dover.
- Tanisha will provide the name of individual in the court system that can provide information on arrests made on individuals without a license. DHC would like to know how this burdens the judicial system.
- A support letter will be put together by the Coalition for Safer Roads in support of the driving privilege card.

V. Public Comment:

- a. Girls Inc. presented earlier. Their website will be launched in the coming months.
- b. Delaware Hispanic Public Archives website is in Spanish as well as their programs. They are looking to reach the Hispanic community.
- c. Delaware Public Archives- Tamara Stock was present and thanked the DHC for joining them in their event to promote "BEHIND THE SCENES" tours of the archives that are available in Spanish.
- d. Carlos Cotto is interested in being a member of the DHC. Carlos is involved with AIPFA and they are looking to gain traction in Delaware and would like to support the DHC.

VI. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was approved unanimously.

VII. Calendar Meeting dates for 2015

- a. May 21
- b. July 21
- c. Sept. 15
- d. Nov. 17

All meeting will be held at the House Majority Hearing Room located on the second floor of Legislative Hall from 10 am to 12 pm. Please mark your calendars accordingly.